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As of early June 1953, high-level Chinese Communist officials were optimistic about the Korean peace talks. They believed China had achieved her great objective in aiding North Korea and had attained higher international prestige by participating in the Korean war. They felt that the United Nations would deal with China on the basis of this new standing. According to their statements, the USSR and China had agreed to assist North Korea build 30 new army divisions,¹ and once this was accomplished the Chinese Communist Army would leave Korea.

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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to information available [REDACTED] in early June 1953, the North Korean Army had a total of 17 divisions and 7 brigades with a total strength of 290,000 men. Since there are approximately 9,000 men in a North Korean division, the formation of 30 new divisions would involve a virtual doubling of the present size of the North Korean Army.

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